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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0056] with the following amended paragraph:

[0056] RF reader 20 and the RF tags communicate using a known protocol in which each message is embedded within one or more frames of a predefined format. The format of an example RFID transmission frame 100 is shown in FIG. 6. The frame 100 includes a start of frame (SOF) 102, a message 104, cyclical redundancy check (CRC) 106 and end of frame ~~file~~ (EOF) 108. SOF 102 indicates the beginning of the frame. Similarly, EOF 108 indicates that the entire frame has been transmitted. Any non-fixed data is embedded in the message 104 portion of the frame 100 and CRC 106 reflects the data in the message 104.